

**POLICE FIRE CITIZEN'S TASK FORCE**

**May 27, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Busch Municipal Building**

**PRESENT:** Jerry Fenstermaker – Chairman, Jerry Harmison – Vice Chairman, Lorenzo Baldwin, Mary Beth Daniels, Gordon Elliott, Carl Herd, Ken Homan, Bob Horton, Danny Hyde, James Jeffries, Bob Jones, Peggy Kubicek, Charles Munsey, David Trippe, Craig Wagoner, Lloyd Young

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Dan Chiles, Nick Ibarra, John Rush, Bob Stephens

**CITY STAFF LIAISONS:** Greg Burris – City Manager, Evelyn Honea – Deputy City Manager, Collin Quigley – Assistant City Manager, Dan Wichmer, City Attorney, Jan Millington – Assistant City Attorney, Louise Whall - Director of Public Information, Mike Brothers – Public Information Office, Chief Lynn Rowe – Police, Mary Mannix-Decker – Director of Finance, Sharon Smith - City Manager's Office

**ABSENT:**

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Mr. Jerry Fenstermaker called meeting to order. Minutes from May 20 meeting were reviewed by Committee. Mr. Bob Jones made a motion to accept minutes as is. Mr. Bob Horton seconded. Minutes approved.

Minutes from May 21 meeting were reviewed by Committee. Mr. Bob Jones made a motion to accept minutes as is. Mr. Carl Herd seconded. Minutes approved.

Ms. Mary Mannix-Decker, Director of Finance, distributed informational charts with the City's Sales Tax Rate and Sales Tax Rate per Capita compared to other cities. Ms. Mannix-Decker stated there is no hard data to determine the percentage of sales tax collected from citizens living outside the City of Springfield. Mr. Burris stated this is a comparison with the benchmark cities used over the last several years. The new benchmark cities were just approved and are not reflected on this report. Ms. Mannix-Decker followed with a presentation on Pension Obligation Bonds to the Committee. (PowerPoint attached). She stated the City of Springfield has never issued Pension Obligation Bonds (POB). Ms. Mannix-Decker reviewed the structure of POB's, as well as financial concerns and the impact POB's would have on the City.

Mr. Mark McNay, Board of Public Utilities Chairman, and Mr. John Twitty, City Utilities General Manager, discussed the issues and answered questions from the Task Force regarding a potential sale of City Utilities. Mr. Jim Shuler, City Utilities Associate General Manager – CFO, reviewed CU's LAGERS pension plan. He stated all CU employees are on the same LAGERS plan with the same formula calculated based on years of service.

Mr. Burris stated a question was raised at the last meeting regarding the possibility of obtaining the locations of CID's within the City in a map format. The information was submitted by Mary Lilly Smith and was distributed to each committee member.

The Task Force members met in their three Teams for approximately 45 minutes.

Mr. Fenstermaker discussed the schedule for the next two weeks. He stated his goal is to start discussing the Town Hall Meeting dates and locations at the end of the June 17 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.